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Newbury Nov. 6th 1861

My dear Madam

I reached home about five O'clock Monday morning, and found to my great regret, that my Mother's accident was much more severe than Laura's letter indicated. The Dr. tells me, that all the ligaments of the wrist were torn loose, and the arm was in a worse condition than if broken; he hopes however that she may recover the use of her hand, though she is now quite helpless. Fortunately her old friend Miss Kyles, staid here until my arrival, for which I am much indebted to her.

My brother and the girls are usually well - he left, the day I arrived, for Stockbridge. I understand Mr. Brown is at Newbury, and have written him, to send me the daguerotype, so that I can have the copies made, and will attend to it, immediately after he sends it. I gave him your kind regards and a little sketch of how bravely



you and Floride were defending your
Principles against all opponents - whether
they demanded whiskey - or attacked
you with argument. Of public matters
the newspapers keep you as well posted
as I can, nothing being very reliable;
and of your friends here, outside of my
own family, you know I know nothing,
so that I can not fill a letter with
agreeable nothings about others, even
if I had time, which just at
present I have not, as you may
readily suppose, that I find an
accumulation of things here to attend
to.

Tell Floride for me, that exercise -
- exercise - exercise - in the open air, is to
be her panacea, and that once in a while
I shall inquire of you whether she keeps
her promise, to state it; so that if
she is unfaithful, I shall find it
out. I gave her cigarette to Laura, who
thinks her much for it with much
love, in which, to you and to her, my
mother, and the other girls unite very
cordially. Remember, that in case of

difficultly, I am to be telegraphed
at once.

Give my kindest regards to
Florida and believe me to be always
Your friend & servant
J W Lee

To

Mrs Anna C Clemens

The Horn

Bladenburg

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P.S. How did the Dea Laura get you before suit,
as to quality and price, and shall I send
that, or some samples? L.